

REMARKS

The withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3, 4, 6-11, and 13-16 and allowance of Claims 18-23 are acknowledged. Claims 3, 4, 6-11, and 13-16 are understood to be allowable. Thus, claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 10 (now canceled), and the functional limitation of claim 10 are also included in amended claim 17. Claims 1-2, 4-9, and 11-23 remain for consideration and are thought to be patentable over the cited art.

The amendments are made for the purpose of expediting prosecution and not for patentability, and the claim cancellations are made without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter of the original claims (prior to amendment) and subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequent prosecution.

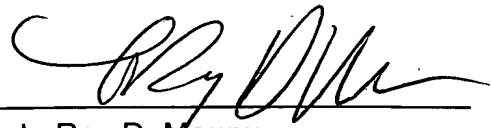
Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 1, 2 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US patent 6,530,036 to Frey Jr., (hereinafter "Frey"), and the rejection of claims 5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Frey, in view of US patent 6,701,451 to Cohen et al. (hereinafter "Cohen") are now moot

Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested. No extension of time is believed to be necessary for consideration of this response. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for a sufficient number of months for consideration of this response. If there are any additional fees in connection with this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (HPCO.060PA).

Respectfully submitted,

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